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Fax Number: 571-273-8300**No. of Pages: 16****By: Raquel C. West****Date****ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.**
2003P14535US**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application:

Petersen et al.

Application No.: 10/741,538

Filed: 12/19/2003

For: Ultrasound Adaptor Methods and Systems for
Transducer and System Separation

Examiner: Iman Kholdebarin

Group: 3768

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in the above-identified patent application in order to keep this application alive. A response to the Final Office action was filed within 2 months from the final rejection. The Examiner has not issued an Advisory Action or replied to the response to the Final Office Action. Therefore, this extension is for three (3) months and will extend the due date from 01/05/2008 to 04/05/2008 (mailing date of Final Office Action was 10/05/2007). A response in the form of an RCE is enclosed herewith.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the extension fee of \$1,050, however if an Advisory Action is mailed today (04/03/2008), no extension is believed to be due. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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